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TO THE MEMORY OF



Martha A. Irwin



Oliver S. Irwin





## FOREWORD

The information upon which the following is prepared comes from several sources. My Aunt Rose Milne obtained and gave to me the early history of the Irwin family and the same is hereinafter set out exactly as it appears in the original copy furnished by her. I do not personally know that it is authentic, but many of the facts contained therein are personally known to me and I am sure it furnishes an accurate background for the purpose of this document.

In addition, the family Bible kept by my Grandmother, Martha Irwin, and personal information from she and my father are factors which convince me of the accuracy of the information hereinafter set out.

As shown by the early history, Samuel Irwin and his wife, Esther Dean Irwin, had 14 children, but I have not attempted to follow the heirship of any of the children excepting that of my ~~Great~~ Great Grandfather, Mesner.

One fact that has always confused me is explained in this history. My Grandmother, Martha A. Irwin, was a daughter of William and Rosane Strain. William Strain died when my Grandmother, Martha A. Strain, was quite young, and her mother, Rosane, afterward married Allen C. Irwin and there were 6 children of this marriage, which included Malissa, who later married William Majors and Robert, who was the father of Ralph Irwin. Malissa and Robert were half-sister and brother to my Grandmother, Martha A. Irwin. My said Grandmother later married





William Irwin, who was a son of Mesner Irwin and said Mesner Irwin was a brother of Allen C. Irwin, which accounts for the fact that both my Grandmother and her mother were "Irwins".

In order that future generations may know, a number of the persons shown in the early history of our family are buried in a small private cemetery located on a farm near Darlington, Montgomery County, Indiana, which cemetery is enclosed by a wire fence erected by my father and Al Irwin about the year 1930.

My Grandfather, William A. Irwin, is buried in Buntin Cemetery in Jackson Township, Clinton County, Indiana.

My father, Oliver S. Irwin, and my sister, June Irwin, and my Grandmother, Martha A. Irwin, are buried in Bunnell Cemetery.

My Aunt Rose Milne and her family are buried in Greenlawn Cemetery.

My Aunt Maggie Carter and her family are buried in Bunnell Cemetery.

My Aunt Alice Lough and her daughter, Bessie, are buried in Odd Fellow Cemetery, Frankfort, Indiana.

My mother, Jennie L. Irwin, was a daughter of Carl A. Auble and Hannah L. (White) Auble. She had 6 brothers and sisters, namely: Dora, who died when a small child; Ella, who married Clem Reed and who had one daughter, Ina M. Hutts; Albert, whose wife was Belle; Minnie, who married Albert Avery and who had one daughter, Frances;





Della and Asa, who never married. All except my mother are deceased and with the exception of Asa, who died and is buried in Albuquerque, New Mexico and Albert, who is buried in Bunnell Cemetery, are buried in the Michigantown Cemetery.

Albert C. Wallace, who was born 12/12/1871, and who died 10/21/29, and his wife, Georgia Wallace, who was born 12/25/1875 and died 3/31/07, mother and father of Hildreth W. Irwin, my wife, are buried in the old Bunnell Cemetery, as are Cora A. Wallace, her step-mother, and June Floodis, her step-sister.

May this history help each of us to remember our heritage and to keep fresh the memory of those who gave us so much.

Dated this 25th day of December, 1957.

*Don - B. Irwin*





## THE IRWIN FAMILY

In 1752, three Irwin brothers emigrated from Scotland or Ireland and settled, two in Maryland and one in Georgia. Jared located in Georgia, was a Colonel in the Revolution, was twice Governor of Georgia. Irwinville and Irwin County, Ga., were named for him. Jefferson Davis was captured <sup>\* 1862</sup> on the Irwin Plantation. Among the descendants of Jared Irwin was a <sup>\*</sup>grandson named Samuel who settled in Ross Co., Ohio. He married Esther Dean who was of Scotch-Irish descent. In <sup>1832</sup> ~~1832~~ he moved to Montgomery Co., Ind., leaving two sons in Ohio, John and Jared, who enlisted in the Mexican War and served until the close of it when they also came to Tippecanoe County.

All of the children of Samuel Irwin and Esther Dean Irwin were born in Ross Co., Ohio. They moved to Montgomery Co., Ind. <sup>Sept 1832</sup> about 1830 and located on Potato Creek. Samuel and Esther Dean were married Oct. 29, 1801. Abram and Katy Dean, parents of Esther Dean came from Dublin, Ireland about 1779 and located in Kansas, then in Ohio.

Samuel Irwin, born Jan. 1, 1782, in Maryland, died Aug. 10, <sup>1832</sup> 1834 in Montgomery Co., Ind.

Esther Dean Irwin, born Mar. 22, 1783, in Pennsylvania, died Jan. 27, 1865, in Montgomery Co., Ind. <sup>Inds leaving with son James in 1850</sup>

The children of Samuel Irwin and Esther Dean Irwin were as follows:

A **Catherine Irwin:** Born Sept. 8, 1802, married Joseph Cooley, April 6, 1821.

Died Dec. 2, 1855 in Clinton County.

Children—Elizabeth, Samuel H. and Esther.

<sup>1841</sup>

<sup>1842</sup>

<sup>1844</sup>





B **Abigail Irwin**: Born Feb. 5, 1804, died in 1888 in Montgomery County. *was living with brother (mesner) in 1850 and 1850*  
She was never married.

C **Jesup Irwin**: Born Nov. 17, 1805, died March 10, 1856, in Allen County, Indiana.  
Married Martha Taylor in 1829. *1829*  
Children: Sarah, Samuel R., Katherine, William, John, and Esther. *E*

D **Mesner Irwin**: Born March 22, 1807, died 1881 in Montgomery County, Indiana.  
Married Margaret Blain on Nov 4, 1830.  
Children: 1. Samuel, 2. William, 3. John W. *1846* Esther, and Mary. *1846*

E **Gustin Irwin**: Born Nov. 5, 1808, died May 26, 1878 in Clinton County, Indiana.  
Married Mary Peterson.  
Children: Delila, Esther, Sarah, Silas, and Phoebe.

F **Jared Irwin**: Born July 10, 1810, died April 10, 1873, in Wilson County, Kansas.  
Married Mary Ann Ramsey. *1836*  
Children: George, Scott, John, Preston, Nancy, J, Maggy, Gustin, Milton and William. *1836*

G **William S. Irwin**: Born July 5, 1812, died April 14, 1907 in Clinton County, Indiana.  
Married Sally McGunn Oct. 13, 1831.  
Children: Margaret, Caroline, Samuel, Albert, Salathiel, Milton, James Craton, William Newton, Sarah Ann who died at age of 5.

H **Samuel R. Irwin**: Born Feb. 1814, died Oct. 1851 in Tippecanoe County, Indiana.  
Married Caroline McCoy.  
Children: Lydia, William, James, Andy, and Samuel.

\* CHARLES T. IRWIN OF 4122 BUELL DR,  
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HAS INFO ON ALL  
DESCENDANTS OF  
JOHN E. P. IRWIN, SON OF



I **John Irwin:** Born Sept. 17, 1815, died Aug. 10, 1855 in Carroll County, Indiana.

Married 1st Eliza Morrison, one child, Robert M.

2nd Jane Strain, no children.

3rd Elizabeth Seamon.

Children by Elizabeth Seamon: Samuel, ~~Richard~~ Richard and William S.

J **Robert Scott Irwin:** Born Jan. 14, 1818, died ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~ <sup>Early 1841</sup>

Married 1st Rebecca Gray, children: Mariah, John S. <sup>1843</sup>

<sup>1845</sup> 8-3/29/1845 <sup>1846</sup> Isaac, <sup>1848</sup> Samuel, <sup>1850</sup> Rebecca, <sup>1852</sup> Nancy, <sup>1854</sup> Robert, <sup>1856</sup> [unclear]

2nd Eliza Smiley, children: Mary, Elizabeth, Rosana and Clara. <sup>1861</sup> <sup>1864</sup> <sup>1867</sup> <sup>1869</sup> <sup>1872</sup>

K **Price Irwin:** Born June 13, 1819, died ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Married 1st Elizabeth Kimball, children: Elizabeth and

Eliza <sup>1847</sup>

2nd Leah Yearn, children: William, <sup>1850</sup> Franklin, <sup>1853</sup> Jessie, <sup>1856</sup> Ida, <sup>1859</sup> Emma, <sup>1862</sup> Minnie, <sup>1865</sup> and Margaret.

L **Allen C. Irwin:** Born July 14, 1821, died ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Married 1st Rosane Strain, children: Albert, Julia, <sup>1848</sup>

Malissa, <sup>1851</sup> Robert, <sup>1854</sup> Joseph, <sup>1857</sup> Mary.

2nd Belle Morre, children: Jared.

M **James L. Irwin:** Born Feb. 4, 1825, died ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~

Married 1st Elizabeth Hatton, children: <sup>1848</sup> Hiram, <sup>1851</sup> and Sarah. <sup>1854</sup> <sup>1857</sup> <sup>1860</sup>

2nd Jane A. Ashman, children: Mary, Esta and Clara Bell. <sup>1850</sup>

N **Nancy J. Irwin:** No information.





(D)

Mesner Irwin

3-27-1807 \_\_\_\_\_ 1881

Married 11-4-1830

Margaret Blain

(1) Samuel

(2) William A. <sup>3/25/1841 - 1/6/1881</sup>  
<sub>at - 10/13/1881</sub>

(3) John W. ~~W.~~

(4) Esther *(died)*

(5) Mary

According to 1850 (Sept 6, 1850) census of  
Sugar Creek Twp, Montgomery Co, Indiana <sup>(1850)</sup>  
<sub>refused</sub>

	age	sex	Birthplace	
Mesner Irwin	43	M	Ohio	1807
Margaret (sh)	15?	F	Indiana	1838-38
Samuel	12	M	"	1840-4
William A.	9	M	"	1842-43
John W.	7	M	"	1845-46
Esther	4	F	"	1848
Sister Abigail	46	F	Ohio	1804 2/5/1804
Mother Esther	67	F	Conn	1783 3/22/1783
Born James F ?	23	M	Ohio	1827 2/4/1825





(D-2)

William A. Irwin

3-25-1841      1-6-1880

Married 10-3-1859

Martha Ann Strain

9-9-1841      6-10-1928

(1) Alice May

(2) Maggie Blain

(3) Oliver Samuel

(4) Rosannah G.



(D-2-3)

Oliver Samuel Irwin

8-4-1864      4-9-1939

Married 3-12-1892

Jennie Louise Auble  
1-11-1872      \_\_\_\_\_

(1) Don Blain

(2) June L.

6-18-1899 — 10-1-1900

(3) Mary Rosalie





(D-2-3-1)

Don Blain Irwin

4-11-1896 \_\_\_\_\_

Married 7-12-1919

Hildreth L. Wallace

6-19-1898 \_\_\_\_\_

(A) Wallace Purnell

(B) Donna Lucille

(c) William Robert

(D) Berta Ann

(E) Barbara Martha





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(D-1-3-1-A)

Wallace Purnell Irwin

12-8-1920 \_\_\_\_\_

Married 7-31-1953

Mary Frances South

1-15-1923 \_\_\_\_\_



(D-2-3-1-B)

Donna Lucille Irwin

10-31-1922 \_\_\_\_\_

Married 10-10-1942

William H. Curts

6-29-1914 \_\_\_\_\_

(1) William Wallace  
7-26-1943 \_\_\_\_\_

(2) Don Robert  
3-8-1947 \_\_\_\_\_

(3) Michael Irwin  
6-1-1950 \_\_\_\_\_





(D-2-3-1-C)

William Robert Irwin

10-5-1933 \_\_\_\_\_

Married 12-31-1955

Sue Carol Eaton

10-8-1934 \_\_\_\_\_

(1) John William

2-10-1957 \_\_\_\_\_



(D-2-3-1-D)

Berta Ann Irwin

10-22-1935

Married 3-31-1956

Kenneth Joseph Pickard

4-15-1933





(D-2-3-1-E)

**Barbara Martha Irwin**

4-25-1938



(D-2-3-3)

**Mary Rosalie Irwin**

7-3-1909 \_\_\_\_\_

Married 10-15-1942

Robert S. Quick

2-25-1908 \_\_\_\_\_

(1) David  
7-3-1948 \_\_\_\_\_





THE FAMILY

October 27, 1957



(D-2-1)

Alice Irwin

10-8-1860      8-5-1888

Milton Lough

(1) Bessie Lough  
5-17-1883      4-17-1908

Warren Watkins

(A) Kenneth Watkins





(D-2-2)

Maggie Blain Irwin

6-21-1862      \_\_\_\_\_ 1952

William H. Carter

1862 - 1940

(A) Carl R.  
1884-1945

(B) Claude A.  
1885-1906

(C) Wilmer G.  
1889-1949

(D) Dale Oliver  
5-3-1893      \_\_\_\_\_

(E) Rolland I.  
3-12-1903



(D-2-4)

Rosannah Gray Irwin

2-13-1867      \_\_\_\_\_ 1954

Donald F. Milne

1870 - 1927

(A) Robert I.  
1896-1948

(B) Arthur P.  
12-31-1901



(D-1)

Samuel Irwin

(A) Mollie (Hughes)

(B) John

(D-3)

John W. Irwin 1836

Emma \_\_\_\_\_ 1840

(A) Ola (McDonald)

(D-4)

Esther Irwin

\_\_\_\_\_ Lutz

(A) Maggie

(B) Willie

(D-5)

Mary Irwin

(Never Married)





Heirship of Allen C. Irwin, who was the step-father of  
my grandmother, Martha A. Irwin —

(L-1)

Allen C. Irwin

7-14-1821 \_\_\_\_\_

Rosane Strain

(A) Albert

(B) Julia

(C) Malissa Irwin  
1846-1921

(D) Robert H. Irwin  
1852-1927

George Major

(1) Wife, Isabell A.  
1847-1883

(1) Samuel  
1874-1907

(A) Mabel  
1878-1902

(2) Rhena (Schooley)

(B) Anna B.  
1883-1883

(3) Rose B.  
1886-1915

(2) Wife, Mary M.  
1854-1926

(A) Ralph

(E) Mary Irwin

(F) Joseph Irwin









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